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1. Payment received. At its discretion Embassy may inform GOI.

2. Dept appreciates GOI comments on proposed press statement (first reftel) which, with one exception, we have incorporated in text, which we releasing today, May 13. Reference to QT tragic error UNQT in first para, which did not appear in our release on death claims, could prompt press queries and reopen public debate on responsibility for Liberty incident. We prefer factual, low-key statement. We have, however, deleted reference to Israeli naval and air units from original text and merely referred to attack. This corresponds to language in Dept press statement May 1968, at time death claim payment announced, which shown to GOI prior to issuance (second and third reftel).

3. In accordance para 5 reftel Dept will limit comments on ship claim to fact that claim under discussion and Dept accordingly would not wish to comment on it at this time. END

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